

PENN BOROUGH FREIGHT DEPOT
Pennsylvania Railroad
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Westmoreland County
Pennsylvania

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Location: Penn Borough, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania

Date of Construction: 1870

Builder: Pennsylvania Railroad

Present Owner: unknown

Present Use: abandoned and deteriorating

Description: The structure measures approximately 75' x 180'. The red brick walls are laid in common bond over a stone foundation. Brick segmental arches span doors and windows, accented by a corbeled brick cornice. A wood and iron truss supports the roof.

Significance: One of a number of freight depots constructed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the 19th century, the depot served as the point of shipment for a variety of industries attracted to Penn because of its location in the Irwin gas coal basin.

Project Information: In February, 1987, the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) and the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) began a multi-year historical and architectural documentation project in southwestern Pennsylvania. Carried out in conjunction with America's Industrial Heritage Project (AIHP), HAER undertook a comprehensive inventory of Westmoreland County to identify the region's surviving historic engineering works and industrial resources.

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